

Kidney Health Care Program

Program Operating Plan

Program or Division Name	Kidney Health Care Program (KHC)
Bureau	Kidney Health Care
Associateship	Family Health
Program Purpose	Provide limited financial assistance to Texas residents with end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
Major Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide client services benefits to eligible program recipients for drugs, travel, and medical services.• Enroll patients to receive program benefits.• Enroll providers to deliver services to program recipients.• Report program activities annually to the governor and the Legislature concerning program findings, progress, activities, and demographic data on KHC program recipients.• Coordinate prevention and intervention activities with other agencies.
Population Served	<p>Texas residents with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) who meet the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have a diagnosis of ESRD;• Have an adjusted gross income of less than \$60,000 per year;• Meet the Medicare criteria for ESRD;• Be a resident of the State of Texas and provide documentation of Texas residency;• Submit an application for benefits through a participating facility;• Be receiving a regular course of chronic dialysis treatments or have received a kidney transplant.
Contact Information	<p>Lisa Rodriguez, M.Ed. Manager, Customer Services Phone: 512.834.4551; Fax 512.834.4561 Lisa.Rodriguez@tdh.state.tx.us Program website: http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/kidney/khcmain.htm Location: Exchange Building, 8407 Wall Street, 2 South Mailing Address: 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756</p>

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Program Objectives

Fiscal Year 2003 Objectives

- Ensure access to arterio-venous (AV) graft implants (access surgery) for KHC hemodialysis patients.
- Ensure adequate dialysis treatment for all KHC recipients regardless of payment source.
- Ensure access to pharmaceutical products related to ESRD treatment for all KHC recipients.
- Increase public awareness of program activities and benefits, kidney disease, diabetes, and hypertension.

Services Provided/Activities

Health Care Safety Net Services

Direct health care:

- N/A

Enabling:

- Provide payment for outpatient drugs listed on the KHC Reimbursable Drug List (drug formulary), medical services (inpatient/outpatient dialysis services and access surgery), reimbursement for travel related to accessing services for ESRD, and provide premium payments for eligible Medicare recipients.

Population-based:

- End-stage renal disease patients in Texas.

Infrastructure-building:

- N/A

Essential Public Health Services (EPHS)

No. 3 Inform, educate and empower the community with respect to health issues.

Provide ongoing public health education programs on kidney disease, diabetes, hypertension, dialysis and transplantation.

Administrative Activities

N/A

Program Evaluation

Performance Measures

Performance Measures:
State

1.3.4.1, Chronic Disease Services, Number of Kidney Health Clients Provided Services. KEY

1.3.4.1, Chronic Disease Services, Average Cost per Chronic Disease Service. NON-KEY.

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Performance Measures:
Federal

N/A

Mandate/authority Chapter 42, Health & Safety Code, Kidney Health Care

Origins of program (if no mandate) N/A

Program Rules 25 TAC, Chapter 61, Subchapter A, Kidney Health Care Program

Advisory Committee or Regulatory Board Kidney Health Care Advisory Committee

Method of Appointment

The Texas Board of Health appoints advisory committee members. Three new members are appointed January 1st of even-numbered years.

Kidney Health Care Advisory Committee

Member Name	City of Residence	Professional or Consume	Term Ends
Robert Hootkins, M.D.	Austin	Professional	2002
Lloyd Davis, LMSW-AP	San Antonio	Professional	2002
Bonny Wilburn	Brownsville	Consumer	2002
Sandra Taylor	Austin	Consumer	2004
James Webster, M.D.	Abilene	Professional	2004
Mary B. Hardy, R.D.	Ft. Worth	Professional	2004
G. Baird Helfrich, M.D.	Lubbock	Professional	2006
Linda Schacht, LMSW	Houston	Professional	2006
Mr. Nacianceno (Cheno) Rodela	San Antonio	Consumer	2006